

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Docket No.	MRIN-010
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	Group Art Unit	1618

Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2006. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a composition; or
- Group II: Claims 19-31, drawn to a method of treating diabetes mellitus.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-18, with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number MRIN-010.

Respectfully submitted,
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